

October 17, 2019

Honorable PRECIOUS HIPOLITO CASTELO

2nd District of Quezon City
House of Representatives
Quezon City

Dear **Representative Castelo**:

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) **supports** the following House Bills filed by the Honorable Representative during the 18th Congress:

1. **House Bill No. 2573** – “An Act **Providing Benefits for Juvenile Prisoners** Thereby Promoting Children’s Rights and Health Care and Appropriating Funds Therefor”, which seeks to safeguard the rights and welfare, and ensure humane treatment in the case of juvenile delinquents, children in conflict with the law, or youthful offenders by providing juvenile prisoners benefits aimed at reducing harm to their physical and mental health.

DSWD **recommends consolidating HBN 2573** with bills amending Republic Act No. 9344 or An Act **Establishing a Comprehensive Juvenile Justice and Welfare System**, Creating the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Council Under the Department of Justice, Appropriating Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes, introduced this 18th Congress at the House of Representatives and have been referred to either the Committees on Justice or Revision of Laws.

2. **House Bill No. 2926** – “An Act Requiring All Government and Private Hospitals, Medical Centers, Clinics, Infirmaries, and Puericulture Centers to **Give Free Medical and Dental Assistance to Indigent Children**”, which seeks to provide free medical and dental assistance to indigent children in consonance with the State’s recognition of the need to promote the physical well-being of children, including promoting their right to health, and making health services adequate to all.

Similarly, we **recommend consolidating HBN 2926** with related bills for this purpose, which have been referred to the Committee on Health.

For the Honorable Representative’s consideration.

Very truly yours,



ROLANDO JOSELITO D. BAUTISTA
Secretary
Date: _____

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